

# Satellite Remote Sensing and Crowd Sourcing to Monitor and Predict Cyanobacteria Blooms

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## Introduction

- MERIS
  - 2-3 day intervals
  - 300 m resolution
  - MERIS -> Sentinel-3 (2015)





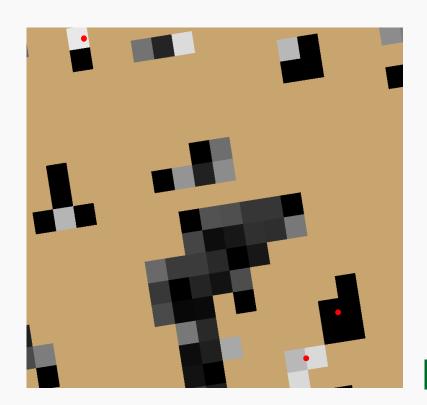
#### Introduction

- 378,153 lakes in U.S.
- ~153,000 lakes included in 2007 National Lake Assessment
- MERIS and Sentinel-3
  - 9,347 lakes w/ 3x3 300 m pixel array
  - 6 % of National Lakes Assessment
- Landsat
  - ~153,000 lakes w/ 5x5 30 m pixel array
  - 100% of National Lake Assessment w/ 5x5 array



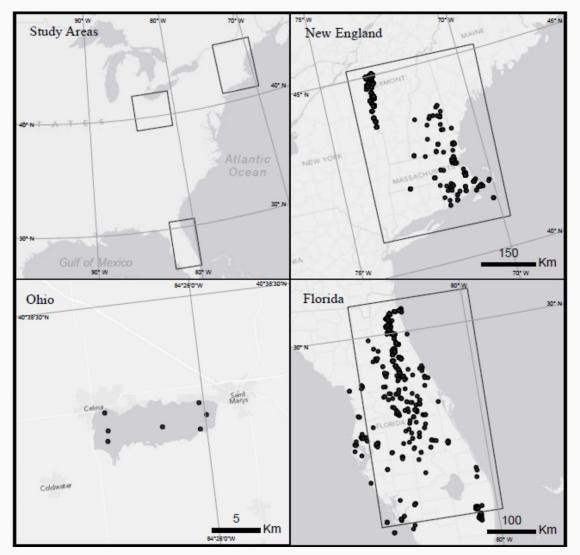
## Methods

- Spatial scale
  - 300 x 300 m
- Temporal scales
  - ≤ 1-day
  - $-\pm 1$ , 3, 5 and 7 days

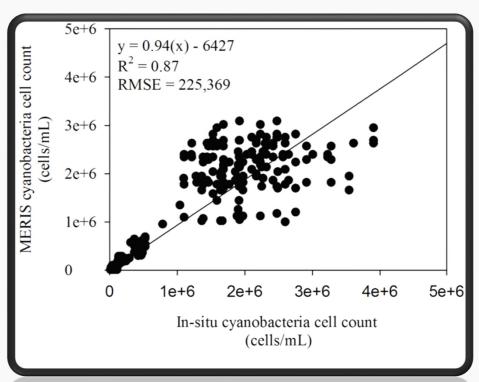




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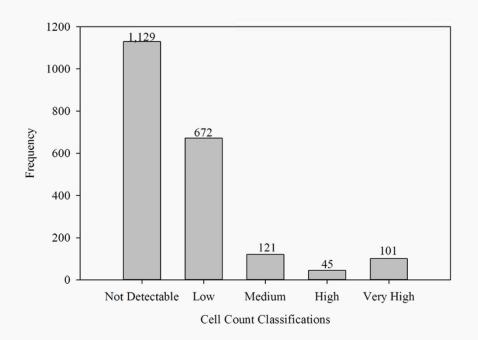




0 1e+6 2e+6 3e+6 4e+6 5e+6
In-situ cyanobacteria cell count
(cells/mL)

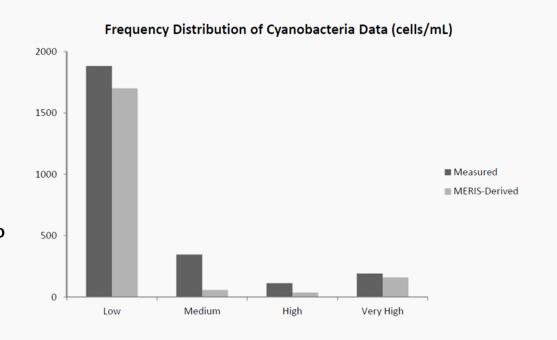


- Cyanobacteria cell count ranges
  - Low (10,000–109,999)
    - WHO Low-Moderate
  - Medium (110,000–299,999)
  - High (300,000–1,000,000)
  - Very high (>1,000,000)



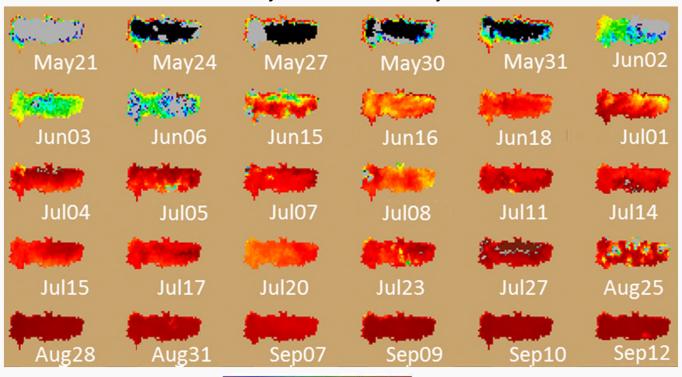


- Correspondence % (+/- 7 days)
  - Low = 90%
  - Medium = 17%
  - High = 35%
  - Very High = 83%





Grand Lake St. Mary, Ohio: MERIS Cyano index 2010



Low [conc] Very High [conc]

Source: NOAA Coastal Ocean Science



# Crowd Source Prediction Algorithm

- 2006 National Land Cover Database
- Water Quality Portal
- National Climatic Data Center
- MERIS/Sentinel-3 cyanobacteria counts





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